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of the tie-rod was measured and used to generate a tensile strain profile, which was used as the basis of a pressure profile. Vibrations of the compound cylinder were measured and correlated to the pressure profile.

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